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**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY
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As a below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled *FILTER EXTRACTION MECHANISM*, the specification of which is attached hereto, and identified as application Serial No. 10/692,096 filed 10/22/2003. Applicants attorney of record will insert the serial number and filing date when received.

The application according to 35 U.S.C. §365(c), is a continuation-in-part of PCT application serial no. PCT/US03/27647, filed September 3, 2003, which pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119(e), claims the priority based on Provisional Application Serial No.60/408,919 Filed September 7, 2002.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the claims in this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a).

I hereby appoint EMRICH & DITHMAR, and each and every member and associate thereof and patent agent therein, including Harry M. Levy (Reg. No. 24,248), Paul L. Brown (Reg. No. 27,184), James J. Hill (Reg. No. 24,287), Thomas E. Hill (Reg. No. 28,955), and Jonathan J. Krit (Reg. No. 37,164) as our attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

And I request that all correspondence in respect to this application be directed to:

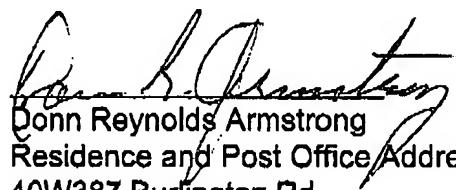
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I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

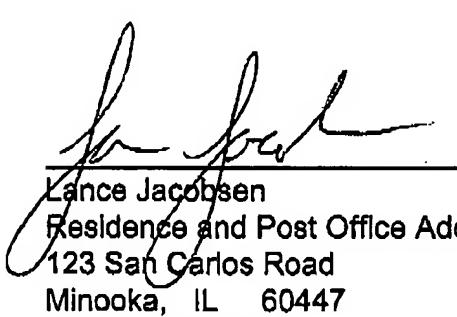
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